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# HISTORY OF RAYMOND

By ELIZABETH KING

Last week's installment, taken from the first paper published in Raymond dwelt upon the building of the first sugar factory but failed to give the estimated output. A prominent businessman of Raymond asked for this information therefore it may be of interest to conclude this article on "Raymond's First Sugar Factory."

The plant will have a capacity for slicing 400 tons of beets daily during the season, from which approximately 100,000 lbs. of sugar will be made. Two shifts of 65 men each will be employed in the factory which will run an average of 75 days each fall this run depending of course on the quantity of beets raised throughout the district.

In building this factory one million bricks will be used, the contract for supplying which has been let to the Lethbridge Brick and Terra Cotta Co.

Following are some news notes taken from the same paper:

Jesse Knight, president of the Knight Sugar Company and founder of the town of Raymond, arrived here from Utah on Wednesday. He will spend a few days looking after his many extensive interests in the district. This is Mr. Knight's first visit this year and he is agreeably surprised at the growth and progress of his town.

On Wednesday a new manager for the Raymond Hotel in the person of Alex McQueen, arrived from Calgary. Mr. McQueen has already taken up the duties of his position.

Superintendent Ellison left on Wednesday for his home in Layton Utah, where he will remain until April 1st. Mr. Ellison has extensive interests in Layton which demand his presence there.

This week the Raymond Barber shop changed hands. J. Hall of Lethbridge, having purchased P. Betts interest in the business. Mr. Hall will be here to take charge about April 1st.

A petition is being circulated in this district asking the government to aid the St. Mary's River Railroad in extending their line to Cardston. The petition is being subscribed to by many.

Four carloads of settlers effects came in Friday from the South.

**TAYLOR STAKE ORGANIZED 1903**  
On June 9th, 1895, the Alberta Stake was organized including all members located in Alberta. With the construction of the large St. Mary's River Canal by the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, 1895-1900, settlements were founded at Magrath, Striding and later Raymond. The church contracted for the first fifty thousand dollars worth of work upon the above named company's irrigation project the settlers here filling the contract.

The success of the project caused the rapid growth of the eastern district so that on August 30th, 1903 the Taylor Stake was organized with President Heber S. Allen in charge with Theodore Brandley and J. William Knight as counselors. It included the settlers east of Spring Coulee.

**HEBER S. ALLEN**  
H.S. Allen was a prominent figure in L.D.S. church circles and a leading business man in Cardston and also in Raymond. In 1883 four years before the founding of Cardston by Chas. Ora Card, H. S. Allen with his father entered Canada via old Fort Walsh in the Cypress Hills and crossed the Saskatchewan River by ferry at what is now Medicine Hat. They encountered numbers of Indians for the tribesmen were restless because of the coming of the white men into their domain. In the spring of 1885 his father took a contract to build 18 miles of railroad grade north of Helena, Montana and it was in the fall of that year while they were camped in Prickly Pear Canyon that Chas. Ora Card and two associates enroute to their home in Logan, Utah, from their first trip in to Canada, appeared. They stopped at the little camp for a rest and then drove on south.

While the visitors were camped with the Allens Mr. Card and his companion related glowing accounts of the new country, Canada, which aroused the interest of Heber Allen and in the fall of 1888 he was located in Cardston. He taught school there for a couple of years receiving \$20 a month for his labors and taking wheat as part payment and out of that he had to board himself. He also taught a book-keeping class at night. Later he was employed by the Cardston Mercantile Company's



Store which was started by Charles Ora Card. Here he received valuable business training and for four years managed the store and at the end of five years he owned and operated a store of his own under the name of H. S. Allen and Company. In 1911 Mr. Allen sold out to W.H. Steed except the stock which he moved to Raymond. He had previously purchased a controlling interest in the Raymond Mercantile Company. Mr. Allen had watched the growth and development of the company from a "dry goods box" to one of the largest mercantile companies in southern Alberta and to one of the finest brick residences in Southern Alberta.

We refer to an old newspaper clipping of long ago.

**THE RAYMOND MERCANTILE CO.**

"The largest department store in the town is that of the Raymond Mercantile Co., Ltd. Under the management of H. S. Allen and D. A. Bennett the store has made rapid strides. As the store is the pioneer business house of Raymond's early and prominent settlers it supplied them with the necessities most suitable to pioneer life. In this well stocked trade emporium will be found groceries, feed and provisions, dry goods, gifts, furnishings, hardware, crockery, paints and oils and farm implements of every description. Including the International harvester machines, Studebaker wagons and buggies, Cockshutt plows and McLaughlin buggies and John Deere plows.

In addition to the above lines a splendid line of furniture has been installed.

H. S. Allen is president and manager of the company and D. A. Bennett is vice president and secretary treasurer."

From another Raymond paper of 1908, Fred Ford editor, we read the following:

"President Heber S. Allen is well known throughout the whole of southern Alberta and has land holdings from Mountain View in the west to Taber in the east. He is, moreover, a practical farmer and personally directs the cultivation of the soil and the harvesting of the crops. Mr. Allen is a very busy man, a true type of the western spirit. He has shown his faith and integrity in the future of Raymond by the erection of a magnificent brick mansion.

His career from clerk in the Leth Store of the Cardston Mercantile Co. to the management of two of the biggest stores in the south, a large flour mill, farms and ranches and the presidency of the new Taylor Stake is one that may well inspire the youth of Raymond to emulate. If there are two words in the English language which alone can describe the man they are: Honesty and Sobriety."

Kangaroos have six teeth in the upper jaw but only two in the lower.

### HELPFUL HINTS

Browned flour used for brown sauce may be made by putting a thin layer of flour in a skillet and stirring it over low heat until it is evenly browned.



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### ECHOES OF VICTORY

Since Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent has become the leader of the Liberal Party and scheduled to succeed Premier King shortly as Prime Minister probably before the end of 1948 observers along Parliament Hill have been hearing a great deal about a possible understanding developing between Premier Duplessis of Quebec and Premier Drew of Ontario, if the latter should throw into the ring his hat to take over the leadership of this party here in September.

Such a possibility, it is known here would have far-reaching effects since it must be admitted that Mr. Duplessis scored a history-making victory in the recent provincial election there and it was in reality, a landslide. In addition, Mr. Drew is safely entrenched in Ontario following the recent test there. As a result such a political combination could produce effects in the federal political arena of a kind that would have far-reaching impacts throughout this country.

Then again, an "understanding" of this sort may bear watching, observers stress because of its possible relation to Dominion Provincial relations which have not been the best possible ever since the failure of the Dominion Provincial conference of 1945-46, with the constant threat existing now of double taxation because of the failure of the federal and certain provincial governments reaching accord. If such an "understanding" should develop as rumored possible along Parliament Hill now, chances of such an accord between present regimes are not considered to be any too good.

### THIS IS UNUSUAL

It is learned officially in this capital that normally retail sales across Canada begin to recede in the half-way mark of the year, June, when the summertime seasonal downward swing in such business gets underway. However, a nation wide survey has shown that this did not occur this year and it is apparent that the masses have spent more money in the stores than usual at this time, with business being better than generally believed likely. In other words, this can be said to be indicative of a "boom" in business at the retail level in face of the high prices for commodities. It looks like this "little man" has plenty of cash still in his hands and he is spending it with the "help of the little woman."

In fact, turning back to the Canadian Government's report it is learned that retail sales advanced 15.8% in dollar volume during June this year compared with a year ago in this period and this is impressive in face of the higher prices because one would believe that the higher

prices would bring a "buyer's strike" ing these results closer it is discovered that where the boosts were quite marked did not always involve "necessities" and this confirms the above impression about spending which aids the inflationary boom.

The largest gain in June was in retail sales of women's wear stores 25.9% and other increases include 22.8% for department stores, 19.1% food stores, 15.5% variety stores, 14.2% country general stores, 12.7% family clothing stores, 12.7% hardware stores, 9.1% men's clothing stores, 8.6% jewelry stores, etc., with these in many instances indicating the trend of the times and proving quite amazing in the list of loud complaints about prices.

### NEW ACTIVITIES

It is evident that Canada's political parties will soon start to organize in Newfoundland in preparation for this old colony becoming the 10th province and already there are signs of such activities being prepared with the indications that Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, CCP and Social Credit will engage in establishing themselves there just as soon as the opportunity will permit. Since Joseph Smallwood and F. Gordon Bradley, both Newfoundland confederates attended the National Liberal Convention here recently as "observers", it is believed that similar invitations to be "observers" will be extended to representatives from Newfoundland to the Progressive Conservative Convention here in September. The CCF had also extended such invitations.

When arrangements for confederation have been completed, it is held continued on back page

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